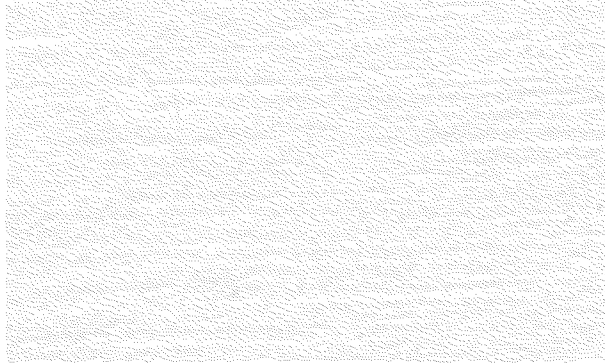


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Several editorials appear in the Boulder's Daily Camera but here's one from a reporter we helped connect with Shaun last week for an interview:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the preeminent federal watchdog and protector of our nation's water, land and air quality. The Animas River catastrophe is intolerable partly because Colorado has refused a National Priorities Listing for mine cleanup. The toxic plume extending from Colorado into New Mexico and the Navajo Reservation impacts some of the most vulnerable people and fragile landscapes.

The polluted Animas River dumps into the San Juan River, whose vital water, now contaminated, is lifeblood to towns and ranches of Ute and Navajo people. Health officials say both rivers are off limits.

The mustard-colored Animas River that suffered acid mine water discharge this week has unusual connections to Boulder. Region 8 EPA Administrator is Shaun McGrath, a former Boulder mayor (2007) and a strong environmental advocate. He worked at the White House during the BP Gulf oil spill and faced outrage from impacted citizens and elected officials. Shaun hosted a meeting in Durango that was met with charges of cover up, distrust of the federal government and demands for reparations.

I have admired the beauty of the Animas, worked a service project on the Navajo Reservation and know kayakers and anglers from Boulder who frequent the Animas. Many people from Boulder cherish Lake Powell and the San Juan River. The entire Four Corners area is threatened by uranium and acid mine wastes. Without required old mine cleanup, Superfund designation is the unpopular solution.

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